

**Court Improvement Program  
Training Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2014  
Draft**

**Attendance:**

Judge Johnson (Co-Chair), Judge Stone (Co-Chair), Cammie Chapman, Samantha Sixma, Christiana Beaulieu (Samantha's intern), Teresa Lyons, Elva Strickland, Stephanie Drake, Bob Wilkinson, Kandi Greter, Nikki Tennis and Tamerra Gilmore

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the committee watched a video on dependent children on incarcerated parents developed by the Pennsylvania State Roundtables Dependent Children of IP workgroup. A brief discussion followed.

**1. Review of minutes**

Introductions were made, and the minutes from the committee meeting on August 22, 2014, were approved.

**2. Planning of the 2015 conferences**

Nikki suggested "Passion to Action" as the theme of the cross-trainings in July, and the committee agreed. The committee began brainstorming next about ideas for topics for the cross-trainings in July. Judge Johnson and Judge Stone agreed the trauma of a loss of a parent video topic would be beneficial. Teresa said she would like to know more on how to deal with trauma. The state doesn't have enough psychiatrists or psychologists to diagnose problems with psychotropic medications. General practitioners are prescribing the medications and diagnosing incorrectly. The committee suggested contacting Kristine Buffington or Emily Chittenden-Laird as possible presenters on the topic. Frank Fazzolari was mentioned as a good resource for cognitive trauma-based therapists. Cammie Chapman said it would be good to know what we have available in West Virginia. She suggested the Child Placement Network, Child Care Association, and Safe at Home (Sarah Walls and Laura Barno) programs. The automated referral network was mentioned as well as the list of topics below for day one of the conference:

1. Child trauma (supportive techniques, psychotropic medications).
2. A Safe Place at Home (safe at home services; kinship-relative).
3. Centralized intake.
4. When to do or not to do psych evaluations (CAN evaluation process).
5. Working the improvement period.
6. CANS and CAPS processes.
7. Appropriate use of psych evaluations (debate panel).
8. MDTs; counselors.
9. Child support, Rule 6.
10. Foster process.
11. Pilot project from Cabell County (Gary McDaniel and son).

## 12. Update on the Law (Teresa Lyons).

For day two of the conference, the committee suggested the following topics:

1. Truancy, Pew report legislation.
2. Exploitation of children (social media).
3. Transition process with education (Jacob Greene).
4. How to prevent serial offenders/trauma (Beth Hughes Noone).
5. Representing juveniles (Bob Wilkinson).
6. It's your move.
7. A panel of successful foster families.
8. JS, JD, and JA transitions (youth panel).
9. Delinquency.

Judge Johnson will try to involve new judges to do the opening remarks. For a more comprehensive understanding of the discussion and suggestions made for the agenda, see the draft training agenda.

Tamerra Gilmore reported that she had secured dates and locations for the committee's consideration. With Nikki's approval, she inquired with the Charleston Marriott and the Bridgeport Conference Center. She said they were the same locations as this year, but they gave the Court great prices and were able to be scheduled within the same week. The proposed dates for the Charleston Marriott are July 20-21, 2015, and July 23-24, 2015, for the Bridgeport Conference Center. The committee voted and agreed on the dates and locations.

### **3. Future of the WVU College of Law course, Child Protection and the Law**

Teresa Lyons is the next instructor at the WVU College of Law "Child Protection and the Law" course to replace Catherine Munster since her retirement. Judge Johnson and Judge Stone personally requested Teresa. Her classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. The judges also said they may want to move the class to the fall semester.

### **4. Update on proposal to BCF for IV-E training reimbursement**

Nikki reported that there was no new information to update the committee regarding the BCF for IV-E training reimbursement proposal.

### **5. Ideas for one-hour webinars**

Nikki suggested WebEx as an addition to how we train in the future. She said she spoke with Scott Harvey and he said that WebEx is more secure than Go ToMeeting. Nikki discussed the pricing with the committee and suggested doing a test meeting with the training committee first.

### **6. Brief New View project update**

Nikki gave a brief update that the program was going on as normal, but a longer, deeper discussion needed to be addressed about the future of the project. She will schedule a meeting to discuss if the project is the best way to spend the grant money, if the project is successful enough, etc.

#### **7. Set the next meeting**

The next training committee meeting will be on **Friday, March 13, 2015**, from **10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, at the Braxton County DHHR Office, Conference Room No. 6. Lunch will be provided.

Adjournment.